Before the **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Westington, D.C., 20554

Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Implementation of the Local Competition)	CC Docket No. 96-98
Provisions of the Telecommunications)	
Act of 1996)	
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ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc.)	
Petition for Waiver of the)	DA 01-2030
Supplemental Order Clarification	j	

MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE-FILED COMMENTS OF VERIZON

Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission accept its late-filed Comments in the above-captioned proceeding. On September 18, 2001 Verizon experienced technological and administrative difficulties caused by its recent move to new offices and migration to a new computer network that interfered with the filing of Comments through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System. As a result of these unforeseen difficulties, Verizon's Comments are being filed one day late. Because these Comments will be filed electronically through ECFS and served by hand on the Petitioner and the Commission's copy contractor less than one business day after the date upon which pleadings were due, Verizon submits that no interested party will be prejudiced in any way by grant of this motion.

For the forgoing reasons, Verizon respectfully requests that this Motion to Accept Late-Filed Comments be granted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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